

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/772,797

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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1625

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to ____.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12 and 17-20.
3. The drawings filed on ____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 10/335,795.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: ____.

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 2
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 07/29/04.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other ____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with the applicant's attorney, Mr. Timothy X. Witkowski on July 29, 2004. The following changes have been made in claims.

Cancel claims 13-16.

In claim 17, lines 1-3, delete ---- vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders and menstrual pain---- and furthermore, after gastrointestinal tract, insert --- and----.

In claim 18, lines 1-3, delete ---- vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders and menstrual pain---- and furthermore, after gastrointestinal tract, insert --- and----.

In claim 19, lines 1-3, delete ---- vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders and menstrual pain---- and furthermore, after gastrointestinal tract, insert --- and----.

In claim 20, lines 1-3, delete ---- vagally induced sinus bradycardia, heart rhythm disorders and menstrual pain---- and furthermore, after gastrointestinal tract, insert --- and----.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

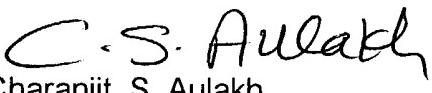
Claims 1-12 and 17-20, renumbered as 1-16, are allowed since the instant compounds of formula 1, pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds and instant method of using these compounds are neither disclosed nor obvious over the prior art. In the prior art, Albanus (Acta Pharmacol. et Toxicol., cited on applicant's form 1449) discloses anticholinergic compounds which are related to the instant compounds. However, closely related compound no. 5 (see page 307) disclosed by Albanus differs from the instant compounds in lacking additional substituent (instant R1 and R2 groups) on the Nitrogen of tropane ring and furthermore, there is no teaching, suggestion or motivation in the prior art to modify the compounds of Albanus to prepare the instant anticholinergic compounds.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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